



LIDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 5th June, 2019 at 7pm in Liddington Village Hall

Present: Councillors Bunney, Hill, Lomax (Chair), Moore, and Wilson
Also in attendance: Val Curtis (Clerk) and 2 Members of the public

Cllr Lomax opened the meeting by saying that as commemorations were currently being held for the 75th anniversary of D-Day we should all remember those that sacrificed so much for us to live as we do.

1. GUEST SPEAKER – NERISSA VAUGHAN – CHIEF EXECUTIVE, GREAT WESTERN HOSPITAL

Nerissa Vaughan had sent last minute apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting. Arrangements have been made for her to attend the October Parish Council meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Resolved: To approve Cllr Spillane's reasons for absence (personal). **Resolved:** To approve Cllr Cripps reason for absence (personal).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hill declared an interest as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1st May 2019 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Commemorative tree and plaque – the plaque is having to be replaced due to a spelling error

Parish Council allowances – all responses have now been received

Potholes – Cllr Wilson had sent photos to Cllr Sumner

Defibrillator – still outstanding. Due to ongoing problems, Cllr Bunney will lead the project.

Action – Cllr Bunney/Clerk

Blocked drains – Medbourne Lane, Purley Road, Bell Lane – SBC informed

6. PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public were present; Ian Butcher, the new Chair of Wanborough Junior Football Club and Matthew Strickland, the new Secretary to introduce themselves to the Parish Council and talk about their future plans.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) To consider any planning applications:

Application: S/19/0703

Location: Land East Of The A419, Between Commonhead Roundabout And Land North of Wanborough Road, Swindon Wilts

Proposal: The construction of a new road, to link the A419 Commonhead Roundabout to the proposed New Eastern Villages (NEV) development including improvements to the existing Commonhead Roundabout and Pack Hill, new junctions with Pack Hill, The Marsh and Wanborough Road, new footway/cycleway and associated earthworks, drainage works and landscaping

Resolved: The following comments to be submitted:

Due to the number of planned works and upgrades to the roads around East Swindon, the NEV and the surrounding area, Liddington Parish Council requests that they are carried out in a coherent order and logical sequence to limit the disruption to the road users.

As this road will meet the A419 at Commonhead, once completed there will be natural rat running through the Village to avoid problems on the M4 and concerns are being raised about the extra traffic on Purley Road (B4192). Ideally, the Parish Council would like some protection from rat running.

(b) The meeting noted that the following application had been granted permission:

S/LBC/19/0527 – April Cottage, 22 The Green, Liddington, SN4 0HG – Replacement backdoor and door frame to rear extension

(c) To consider action against possible planning infringements

Resolved: the meeting agreed to submit a complaint to the planning enforcement team concerning the inappropriate use at a property in the village. **Action - Clerk**

8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Ward Councillor Sumner provided a written report as he was unable to attend the meeting:

Inlands Farm (Swindon 'Science Park'): Due to outstanding details they have been granted an Extension of Time to 30/8. Outstanding matters include Heritage (archaeology – only Phase 1 was trenched so the remainder has to be done), Ecology and Highways matters also outstanding. I have asked how this will be dealt with during the summer holidays and the Planning Officer accepts we will need to review in later July.

SHELAA (as part of the Local Plan Review): Due to time taken assessing sites and comments the Reg18 Statutory Consultation on the Local Plan Review will be likely to commence later July but due to the holidays extended to the end of September (so 8 weeks rather than 6).

Southern Connector Road: Comments by 4/6 – we need clarity on the junction with Wanborough Road as to how 'through traffic' will be deterred or work with Covington.

Junction 15: Work due to commence September. Anticipating contractor engagement shortly on mitigation during construction.

White Hart / Gable Cross: Consultation events confirmed times are Saturday 20th July, 9am to 12.30pm at Grange Leisure Centre, and Wednesday 24th July, 1.30pm to 6.30pm at Coleview Community Centre. All presentation material will be sent to Councillors for information on Friday 12th July. This will inform residents about the construction programme likely to commence October 2019.

Keypoint (incinerator) Appeal: Keypoint decision is now anticipated to be on or before 11th June. This is 2 weeks later than we were advised last week and is due to the Inspector being ill.

9. FINANCE

(a) It was resolved to approve payment of the following:

- Members Expense – Unlimited webhosting 18/05/2019 -17/06/2019 - £3.59
- Auditing Solutions – Internal Audit - £180

(b) It was resolved to approve payment of the following Standing Order:

- Adams & Watt – Annual grass cutting contract – June instalment - £478.65

(c) It was resolved to ratify the following payment made between meetings:

- Members expense – Brass plate for commemorative tree - £80.00

- (d) **To receive the monthly accounts reconciliation** – the meeting agreed with the account reconciliation

10. VILLAGE MATTERS

- a) To agree highways concerns to address with Swindon Borough Council
- i) Better warning for pedestrian crossing point
 - ii) To consider 2nd speed sign at the bottom end of village – assistance needed with siting of the poles
 - iii) Road narrowing to give the illusion of a pavement/footpath on Purley Road past hillside Cottages
 - iv) Badly repaired potholes in The Street
- Action - Clerk**
- b) To suggest speakers for future Parish Council meetings
- i) Nerissa Vaughan CE of Great Western Hospital
 - ii) Richard Bell – Head of Planning, SBC
 - iii) Robert Buckland, MP – to include neighbouring Parish Councils
 - iv) Dorset & Wilts Fire & Rescue for next Village Meeting or Annual Meeting
- c) To discuss and agree the Future of the Church in the Village – deferred until next meeting
- d) VE Day 75 – deferred until next meeting

11. ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT

To receive the Internal Audit Report 2018-2019 as provided by Auditing Solutions

Resolved – The meeting agreed that the report was excellent

12. LIMITED ASSURANCE REVIEW

It was **resolved** to approve and sign:

- (a) Annual Governance Statement 2018/19
- (b) Accounting Statements 2018/19
- (c) To certify itself exempt as the higher of Liddington Parish Council's gross income for the year or gross annual expenditure for the year, did not exceed £25,000
- (d) To confirm period of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return (Exempt Authority) – the meeting noted that the period of Public Rights would commence on Monday 1st July through to Friday 9th August.

13. SPINNEY CLOSE GREEN

Resolved - The lease was approved and signed by Cllr Lomax, Cllr Moore and witnessed by the Clerk in the presence of the Councillors in attendance at the meeting.

Action - Clerk

14. NORTH WESSEX DOWNS LANDSCAPE TRUST

The request to become a NWDLT Supporter was discussed and considered. The Meeting agreed that it would decline.

15. LIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

The meeting agreed that Cllr Hill would be the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee due to Cllr Lomax standing down.

16. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Playing Field – Cllr Bunney confirmed that he had carried out the fortnightly safety inspection on the play equipment on 11th & 25th May. He raised concerns about bolts coming loose and subsequent movement of the two new pieces of equipment and the lack of response regarding the cracks appearing in the four main struts of the basket swing.

Action – Clerk

SBC/NEV Liaison meeting – Cllrs Moore and Cripps had attended the meeting held on 7th May. Updates were provided for Lotmead, Redlands and Inlands Farm

Cllr Moore had attended a meeting held with Swindon Area Committee (SAC) and Susie Kemp, the CEO, SBC on 22nd May.

Chairs & Clerks Engagement meeting with Susie Kemp and Leader of the Council on 4th June – Cllrs Lomax and Moore attended. Presentations were given by Council Officers relating to Data Protection, Swindon Local Plan Review, the SHELAA and CIL changes.

Community Safety Forum – 6th June – Cllr Wilson to attend

17. PARISH MAGAZINE

The meeting agreed to put the following into the Parish Magazine:

- CEO, Great Western Hospital – rescheduled for October
- Wanborough Football Club, New Chairman and Secretary
- Internal Audit, Limited Assurance Review and the details of the Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return

18. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting noted the following correspondence for information:

- CPRE Wiltshire Voice – May 2019

19. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/FUTURE AGENDA

To receive information on matters not covered elsewhere & to receive future agenda items

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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